

## REMARKS

This amendment is being filed after filing a Notice of Appeal and before filing an Appeal Brief.

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In this amendment, claims 37-43 and 50-56 are canceled; claim 44 is rewritten in independent form to include all the limitations of claims 37 and 38, upon which this claim formerly depended; and claim 57 is rewritten in independent form to include all the limitations of claims 50 and 51, upon which this claim formerly depended.

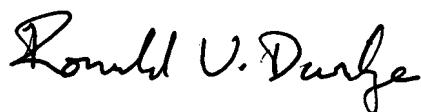
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Since this amendment merely cancels certain claims and rewrites other claims dependent upon canceled claims in independent form, the Appellant respectfully requests this amendment to be admitted. In addition, the Appellant respectfully requests consideration of whether this amendment places the application in condition for allowance.

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Respectfully submitted,

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